

REMARKS

In response to the August 2, 2006 Office Action, the rejected claims 14, 15, 17-23, 25, 26, 30, 31, 43, 44, 62-64, 66, 90-97 and 103-107 have been cancelled and claims 16, 24, 27-29, 32, 42 and 65, to which the Examiner objected, have been amended to form independent claims incorporating limitations of the claims from which they depended, or to depend from such amended claims. In addition, claims 72 and 73 have been amended to correct their dependency and the preambles of claims 16 and 42 have been amended to include the exact words in MPEP § 2106.IV.B.1(a). Thus, claims 2-4, 6-13, 16, 24, 27-29, 32-42, 65, 67-89, 98-102 and 108-115 are allowable for the reasons recognized by the Examiner.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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